

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 33 are pending in this application. Claims 1 to 19 and 27 to 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

Claims 20 to 26 are allowed. Claims 1, 27 and 31 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and claims 2 to 19, 28 to 30 and 32 to 33 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

In claims 1, 20 and 27, the vehicle flap is noted as being positively claimed, and subsequently the vehicle body coupled thereto is also noted as being positively claimed.

Claims 1, 11, 14, 16, 26 to 28, 31 and 32 have been amended.

Reconsideration of the application based on the following is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

Claims 1, 27 and 31 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and claims 2 to 19, 28 to 30 and 32 to 33 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, to include all of the limitations of the base claims.

Claims 1, 27 and 31 have been amended as discussed in the telephone conference with the Examiner on July 17, 2008.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 27 and 31 are definite in light of these amendments.

Claims 11, 14, 16, 26, 28, and 32 have been amended to correspond with amendments made to independent claims 1, 27 and 31.

Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph therefore is respectfully submitted.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 20 to 26 are allowed.

In light of the amendments above with respect to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 to 33 are in a condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests such action. If, upon review, the Examiner is unable to issue an immediate Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in order to resolve any outstanding issues and advance the prosecution of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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